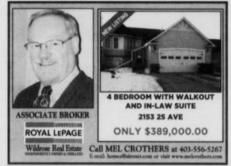
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# DIDSBURY





Insurance adjusters survey the garage that survived the Feb. 20 fire at Kelly Clarke's property on Rge. Rd. 285 between Highway 582 and Twp. Rd. 314.

Lea Smaldon/MVP Staff

# Fire destroys house east of Didsbury

BY PAUL FREY MVP Staff

Nobody was injured during an early morning fire northeast of Didsbury that destroyed a home on Feb. 20.

Didsbury, Carstairs and Linden fire-fighters were called to the scene on

nghters were called to the scene on Rge. Rd. 285 at 6:28 a.m.

"The house was fully engulfed on arrival," said Craig Martin, who com-manded the scene. "Based on the dis-patch call ... we (asked for) mutual aid before we arrived on scene."

Due to the lection of the fire Martin

Due to the location of the fire, Martin said all three departments trucked water from Didsbury out to the site. About 25 members of all three departments responded to the call, including

about 15 from Didsbury

As of the afternoon of Feb. 20, Martin aid he wasn't sure about the amount of damage the fire caused, other than to say that the house was fully engulfed when members initially arrived, and that it was totally destroyed. He said part of the attached garage was left standing when firefighters departed the scene at about 11 a.m. He said insur-ance adjustors would be assessing the damage.

The cause was still being investigated as of the afternoon of Feb. 20.

Property owner Kelly Clarke said a neighbour noticed the blaze and called

The house was vacant at the time as it was under renovation.



A garage still smoulders after a Feb. 20 fire at Kelly Clarke's property on Rige. Rd. 285 between Highway 582 and Twp. Rd. 314 burnt the house down.



# Tax assessor explains the process

BY PAUL FREY MVP Staff

About a dozen mem bers of the public attended a meeting on Feb. 17 to hear how property is tax purposes Frank W

Watson, for Didsbury, explained the proces during the session held at the 5-0 Club.

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Watson, been assessing Didsbury 1995 properties since explained that real estate properties are assessed on July 1 of the previous year and take into account several factors, including the age of the property, the value of the land it sits on. the zoning of the lot and the quality of the building at the time of the assess-ment. The quality of the building includes the size and the year it was built as well as the type of materials used in the construction process.

Assessors use a standard value for particular types of buildings based ual published by Alberta Municipal Affairs.

Watson said most of the properties in Didsbury characterized "Quality four" which is a standard project using modern construction techniques that meet all building requirements. As a point of comparison, Quality five includes a semi-custom project meeting all the require-ments of a Quality four home but uses slightly better finishing materials

Following the concluion of his presentation, Watson said in an interview that in some cases,

on July 1 and then anothsment done as Dec. 31 if a properhas been improved. tv that case, the Dec 31-based review would assess the improvements done on the property. Assessments of new construction can also be made on Dec. 31 if construction wasn't fully completed on July 1

Watson will be hold-ing an information open house on March 3 at the Town of Didsbury office for people wanting to find out what factors went into assessing their properties and how the

sement was arrived Appointments with Watson will be booked.

They can come in and I'll have my information with me and we can review the details of the assessment," he said.

Anyone wanting to appeal the assessment on their property has 60 days to do so from the date of the letter of ssment

The session last week was organized by town council members after they heard from resi-dents that residents would like to find out how the assessment process is completed.



Paul Frey/MVP St

Frank Watson, the assessor for the Town of Didsbury, was on hand last week at the 5-0 club to explain the assessment process

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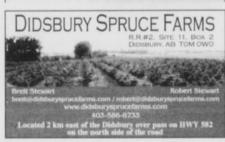
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ATOM: Nicholas Tersigni Age: 9 Position: Centre



Nicholas's favorite sport is hockey. He likes the color orange, the song Cruise and the Calgary Flames.

ATOM: Jay Heistad Age: 9 Position: Right Wing



Jay likes to play lots of sports. He also likes guns and hunting. His favorite NHL player is Sidney Crosby and he likes the song Thrift Shop.

ATOM: Sierra Reese Age: 8 Position: Defense



Sierra likes to swim, run. draw & color. Her favorite sport is hockey and she likes to eat salmon. Her favorite color is purple and Frozen is her favorite movie.

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#### DIDSBURY MINOR HOCKEY PLAYER SPOTLIGHTS

NOVICE: Gavin Konschuh Age: 7 Position: Goalie, Defense & Forward



Gavin likes the Boston Bruins. His favorite food is subway and he likes the color blue. His favorite sports are hockey & motorcross.

NOVICE: Isaac Breslawski Age: 7 Position: Defense



Isaac likes nature, lego & beyblades. His favorite hockey team is the Calgary Flames and he likes to eat strawberries.

NOVICE: Blake Miller Age: 8 Position: Defense



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Mountainview Colts goaltender Thomas Della Siega makes a save on an Airdrie Thunder player while Clinton Armitage attempts to box the player out. The action was during the second period on Feb. 19 during in the two teams. Heritage Junior Hockey League playoff series at the Didsbury Memiorial Complex.

# Colts take 2-1 series lead over Thunder

BY PAUL FREY MVP Staff

The Mountainview Colts took a 2-1 lead in their Heritage Junior Hockey League playoff series with the Airdrie Thunder last week. The Colts won the

The Colts won the third game in Airdrie on Feb. 21 by a score of 6-4, were defeated 3-2 on Feb. 19 and got the 4-3 overtime winner in Game 1 on Feb. 17 off the stick of Cole Sutherland.

In Game 3 on Feb. 21, the Colts took a 4-1 lead into the locker room after the first period on the strength of two goals by Ryan Klinck and one each by Tyson Schmidt and Jacob Vander Zaag.

In the second period, two goals by the Thunder off the sticks of Austin Masse and Mark Kunitz, made the game a little closer, but Jason Edwards restored the Colts two-goal lead early in the third period on the power play.

Aidan Crowther rounded out the Thunder scoring in the third with his second goal of the game. Colton Anderson got an insurance marker at 16:09 of the third period to round out the scoring.

Thomas Della Siega made 35 saves for the victory while Thunder goaltender Kade Taplin stopped 39 shots in a losing effort.

In Game 2 at the Didsbury Memorial Complex, the Colts outshot the Thunder 62-34, but couldn't solve Taplin. As a result, the Thunder jumped out to a 3-1 lead after two periods of play. Trevor Strong, Kristopher LeClair and Clay Murray got goals for the Thunder while Edwards scored once for the Colts.

In the third peri-

In the third period, the Colts outshot
the Thunder 19-6, but
Edwards was the lone
player to get a shot past
Taplin – in the last two
minutes of the game
while the Colts were on
the power play.

Following Edwards' goal, the coaching staff pulled Della Siega in favour of an extra attacker, but the Thunder were able to withstand the Colts' attack and hang on for the win.

Following the game, Colts forward Evan Thompson, who assisted on the late third period power-play goal, said a slow start cost the Colts in the first period.

"We came out with a slow start there in the first, kind of picked it up in the second and third, but we just fell Thompson said even though the Thunder got the bounces that the Colts didn't, the Colts players remained committed to turning the game around.

"Once we fell behind, the boys tried not to get too down on ourselves. A couple of quick ones by them (in the second period) and we battled back in the third, but again, we came up short. We pressured hard at the end of the game and if we do that all game, I think we should have no problem winning games, but we have to bring it a full 60 minutes," he said.

Colts forward Austin

Colts forward Austin Pedersen said even though the Colts didn't play as hard as they wanted in the first period, they still managed to direct a lot of shots at the net and need to keep doing that to be successful.

"They have a good goalie. Sixty shots is a lot for us to only score two goals. They were getting in the (shooting) lanes a bit, but when you get (60) shots on goal, their goalie had a good game. I don't think we should change anything," he said.

The series was due to resume after press time on Feb. 23 at the Didsbury Memorial Complex. Figures are located in the green box in front of the office containing all listings in Dirksbury.

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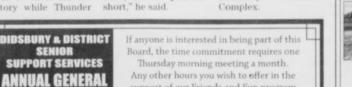
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# Police briefs

#### Elderly man dies in collision

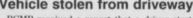
Didsbury RCMP responded to a collision on Feb. 4 on Highway 22 just north of the junction with Highway 582. RCMP say an 82-year-old man who was eastbound on a side-by-side off-road vehicle attempted to cross Highway 22 when he was struck and killed by a southbound pickup. Emergency medical service personnel treated the driver of the pickup

Highway 22 was closed for a period of time and traffic was rerouted while emergency personnel attended the scene.

RCMP don't believe alcohol was a factor in the collision. No charges were laid as a result of the collision.

#### Vehicle stolen from driveway

2005 Dodge Ram at about 8:15 a.m. on Feb. 17. The driver then left the vehicle running in the driveway at his home on 24 Street while he went inside. An unknown suspect got in the vehicle and drove off. RCMP patrolled the area, but were unable to locate the vehicle or the suspect. On Feb. 18, RCMP received a call from the company monitoring the vehicle's GPS system that the vehicle was at an LRT station in Calgary. The Calgary Police Service attended the scene and recovered the vehicle with-



RCMP received a report that a driver started his out locating a suspect.



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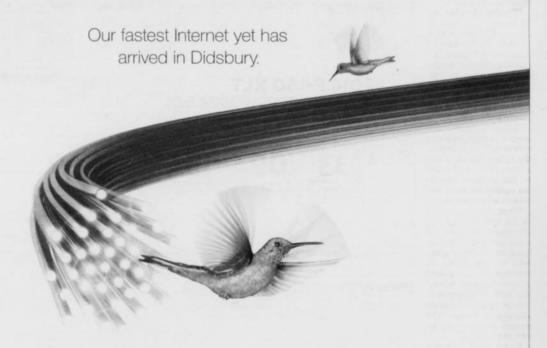
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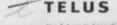
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#### Water rates spread out amongst all users

BY PAUL FREY MVP Staff

A change in the way water infrastructure paid for has one building owner claiming the town is making him pay more than his fair share for the service.

Roy Alexandra, owner of the College Green apartment block, says a recent change to the water rate bylaw unfairly targets him and other multi-unit owners, and will end up costing tenants more for utili-ties. Effective Jan. 1, town council members changed the rate bylaw so that owners of multi-unit dwellings would be charged the basic charge of \$15.42 each for water and wastewater, plus the consumption rate of ten-

While Alexandra said he has no problem with paying the consumption charges of each of his tenants, which is included in rent, he said for the town to charge the infrastructure charge 23 times (the number of units in his building), means he is paying a disproportionate amount for infrastructure upkeep compared to a single homeowner.

"They're charging me 23 times. The economy of scale on this is a bit of overkill. We (owners of multi-unit dwellings) are carrying a larger weight than we need to," he said, suggesting the town should reverse its decision and go back to one charge per meter. Nita Barthalow,

the town's chief financial officer, said the change in the bylaw reflects a correction town staff made so that all users are pay-ing equally for water and related infrastructure.

"That is supposed to be split amongst all the users. It costs the same amount of money whether (water) is going into a townhouse or whether it's going into a semi-detached home," she said. "The system is not set up in order to be charged by meters. The system is set up to be charged to users.

Based on council's decision to change the bylaw, Alexandra said he will be forced to raise rents for his residents.



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#### Bylaw 2015-03 "Re-designation Bylaw"

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Be amended from C1 - Commercial General to RC - Residential/Commercial.

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DP 15-010

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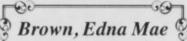
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## Grandpa Albert Hood Life's' Journey

Mr. Albert Hood passed away on Saturday, February 14, 2015 at the age of 82 years.

Grandpa was a great man and touched many lives, you will be greatly missed.

Grandpa was always there to help out, with anything, he would give rides whenever we needed and kept us all in line as well.

We always knew when grandpa was coming over because he would ring the bell excessively before barging in, we would say ohhh Grandpas Herel And if the door was locked he would continue ringing the bell, then promptly leave only to return again every half hour until everyone was up and moving, then he would come in for 5-10 minutes let us know what's going on around town then he was off again just as fast as he appeared.

Grandpa was born in Fort Saskatchewan, AB, May 25, 1932 and passed suddenly on February 14, 2015 doing what he loved. His service was on February 19, 2015 at 1pm in the Didsbury multi-purpose room.

Grandpa leaves behind his wife of 61 years this past December 19, and our wonderful Grandma Marjorie Hood; their son Faron(Wendy) Hood and their daughter Jennifer, grandchildren Ali and Waylon) all of Grand Prairie; daughter Penny (Brian) Clazie and their children Jennifer (Kyle), Hannah Elizabeth and Jackson, of Shaunavon Sask. Chris (Trish), Slaite and Steele of Didsbury. Jeffery (Sarah Jo.) of Red Deer and son Cameron of Didsbury.

He also leaves behind his siblings, he was the oldest of 5 children; brother Donald (Avis) Hood of Gibbons, sister Rosemarie (Allan) Kerr of Camrose,

brother Robert (Lorraine) Hood of Fort Saskatchewan, sister Marilyn and (Wesley) Carleton of Bon Accord and their families

His mother Roseanne and father Donald Hood predeceased Grandpa.

Grandpa grew up near Gibbons Alberta on a farm where he learned to work hard and being the oldest made sure everyone made it to school everyday before promptly heading back home, because he hated school until his dad found him at home and whooped him and sent him back to school.

Grandpas dad passed in 1946, he was 14 years old and had to work on the family farm until he finished grade 8 he then moved up north to homestead with cousin Jack, things didn't go quite as planned, so he got a job with Flint construction driving truck and working oilfield, he loved this job, he got to see different country everyday, he had countless stories about his travels and adventures and had a new one every time I saw him. During his travels he would go from Estevan, SK to Virden, and every where in between, during his travels to Virden MB, there was this young good looking waitress working at the local cafe, Grandpa would have breakfast there every day and never gave up until she agreed to marry him. They were married December 19, 1954.

Grandpa then got a job with Canadian Superior in Estevan running a crew truck but was a man of all trades and helped out where ever he could.

In 1961, he got transferred to Didsbury, AB and moved his family to start a new life and changed the history of Didsbury. He worked out at the harmattan gas plant and worked his way up to maintenance Foreman. In 1991, he was offered a full pension at age 58. He was then offered a contract consulting position back at the plant this only lasted about two months as uncle Faron put it Dad keep working hard 18hrs a day because I'm sure going to have fun spending it!! Well

Grandpa was a very passionate person when he decided to do something it was full out! He loved to camp and fish with grandma they would frequent local lakes like Lac St Anne, Mons Lake, Fork Lake, Pine Hurst, Swallwell, Blood Indian, Dickson Dam and as far as Campbell River with their dogs Sparky and Rebel always by their side.

Grandpas other passion was hockey, he loved hockey and talked hockey all the time we hear about how well his colts are doing all year

Grandpa passed his love of hockey on to his children Faron, Penny and Cam who all played hockey, he also coached Faron's team and made a back yard rink every year for the kids to nockey, he also coached Faron's team and made a back yard rink every year for the kids to practice and play. When his kids were done, he couldn't wait for his grand kids to start and once they did, he traveled all over the country making sure they made their hockey games. Grandpa's passion for the Mountain View Colts grew when Chris started with them in 2001 and Jeff in 2004. He has been a die-hard fan ever since and has rarely missed a game. He even has a seat on the bus for all road trips. Lets Go Colts!!

Grandpa always kept everyone honest especially the refs and he would always remind them. Come on stripes take your glasses out of your purse cheap call!! Cheap!!

At the age of 65, Grandpa bought his first quad it was a small two wheel drive green Honda, he soon grew out of that and had to upgrade to a 4x4. He went through 5 Honda quads and the wheels were wore right off every single one of them, however they were the best maintained quads in the country he would make sure the oil was changed and bearings were greased but he put so many miles on every year that there was very little rubber left before trading it in on the next one. He was an avid member in local Alberta ATV clubs where he would join in and repair trails, camp and share stories with all the other members out at Humming Bird, Ram River, and Burnt Timber just to name a few.

I have countless stories of camping and quading adventures with grandpa out west.

And as soon as we mentioned camping he was out there saving us a spot and he had camp set up and he was ready to go by the time we got there. Every time.

Grandpa loved to learn and never stopped, he had to learn how to run the GPS on his quads the digital indoor-outdoor thermometers and just recently upgraded to an iPhone and started texting all his grandkids. If he wasn't texting he was calling to find out how everyone was doing. And if he wasn't calling or texting he was making his rounds with frequent stops to GTA, Checkers, RPM, Home Hardware, Dicks automotive and to Dawson's Pond just to make sure they were

We Love you Grandpa!!! You will be missed.

A memorial service was held on Thursday, February 19, 2015 at the Didsbury Memorial Complex.

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